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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN - MOZAMBIKAN RELATIONS

1. IN CALL ON SOUTH AFRICAN "CONSUL" IN CHARGE NEL, WE DISCUSSED FUTURE OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SAG AND GPRM. AT MOMENT SAG OFFICE HERE IS PERFORMING CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES IN FORMER CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE, (WHICH IS OPEN TO PUBLIC UNLIKE FORMER WESTERN CONSULATES), BUT WITHOUT ANY SIGN PLATE OR FLAGS.

2. WHEN ASKED IF QUESTION OF SAG/GPRM RELATIONS WAS ON "FRONT  
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BURNER" OR "BACK BURNER", HE SAID "FORMER". HE SAID SAG DID

NOT CARE WHAT ITS OFFICIAL PRESENCE WAS CALLED BUT WAS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN GOVERNMENT PRESENCE HERE, WHATEVER IT WAS CALLED. WHEN I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS HOPEFUL, HE REPLIED QUICKLY, "NOT HOPEFUL, CONFIDENT".

3. I ASKED HIM HOW SAG AND GPRM NEGOTIATED, WHEN THEY HAD NO OFFICIAL RELATIONS. HE REPLIED THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAD A LABOR OFFICE IN JOHANNESBURG WHICH WAS ONE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION. I ASKED IF CONTACTS WERE STILL BEING MAINTAINED BY "COMINGS AND GOINGS", AS FORMER CONSUL GENERAL KOTZE HAD TOLD ME JUST PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. HE NODDED.

4. I ASKED NEL WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO IMPORTANT FOREIGN EXCHANGE SUBSIDY TO MOZAMBIQUE REPRESENTED BY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OFFICIAL GOLD PRICE AT WHICH GPRM WAS PAID FOR MINE LABOR AND AORLD MARKET PRICE AT WHICH IT SOLD THE GOLD, IF IMF ABOLISHED OFFICIAL PRICE OF GOLD. NEL STATED SAG WAS AWARE OF THIS ASPECT AND HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE WOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN SAG AND GPRM, THOUGH IT MIGHT NOT INVOLVE CONTINUED PAYMENTS IN GOLD. (I TOOK THIS TO MEA POSSIBLE INCREASED PAYMENT IN RAND.)

5. NEL STATED HIS OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO ISSUE VISAS, CURRENT RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING. HE SAID HOWEVER, SAG HAD ESTABLISHED AN INFORMAL QUOTA OF ABOUT -0 PERMANENT RESIDENTS VISAS PER MONTH WITH PREFERENCE BEING GIVEN TO DOCTORS, ENGINEERS, AND OTHER SKILLS NEEDED BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THIS WAS HARSH BUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ALREADY ADMITTED NUMEROUS PORTUGUESE FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA AND THAT IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS THEY HAD ADMITTED 15,000 PORTUGUESE FROM ANGOLA (I GATHERED AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS). HE SAID THEY HAD TAKEN "THE CREAM OF CROP".

6. NEL OPINED THAT GPRM WOULD GET AROUND TO ESTABLISHING CIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MAJOR WESTERN POWERS IN DUE COURSE. YE SAID US WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING TEST CASE. I ASKED, "WHY NOT BRITISH AS PRIMARY TEST CASE?" AND HE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS DIFFERENT. GPRM WAS INTERESTED IN BRITISH BECAUSE OF RHODESIA AND, INDEED, MIGHT BE "USING"THE BRITISH, WHO COULD BECOME UNIMPORTANT TO THEM IF THERE WERE A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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